

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2658, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1370–1378. **Page S9049**

Patients First Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to protect patients' access to quality and affordable health care by reducing the effects of excessive liability costs. **Pages S9001–09, S9010–43**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 11:30 a.m. **Page S9059**

Medical Malpractice/Nominations/State Department Authorization—Agreements: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 11, Patients First Act, and that the time until 11:30 a.m., be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader or their designees; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11; that following that vote, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; that the Senate then proceed en bloc to the nominations of Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the nominations then be confirmed; further, Senate will then proceed to consideration of S. 925, State Department Authorization Bill. **Page S9009**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 263), David G. Campbell, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Page S9059**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force. **Page S9059**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—263) **Page S9010**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 9, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9059.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of

Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

LIBERIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in Africa, with a focus on Liberia, from Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Major General Stanley A. McChrystal, USA, Vice Director, Operations Directorate, J-3, The Joint Staff; and Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs, and Pamela Jones Harbour, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RADIO OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine radio ownership, focusing on the impact of industry consolidation, and Federal Communications Commission's new radio market definition, after receiving testimony from Representative Menendez; Lewis W. Dickey, Jr., Cumulus Media Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Jon Mandel, MediaCom, Grey Global Group, Inc., New York, New York; Simon Renshaw, The Firm, Beverly Hills, California, on behalf of the Recording Artists' Coalition; and Alex Kolobieski, First Media Radio, Easton, Maryland.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded oversight hearings on the maintenance backlog within the national park system, including the impact of new park unit designations, land acquisitions, and personnel vacancies, after receiving testimony from Donald Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Eric Dillinger, Carter and Burgess, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; Thomas C. Kiernan, National Parks Conservation Association,

Washington, D.C.; and Curtis E. Cornelssen, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

CLIMATE CHANGE: AGRICULTURAL SEQUESTRATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine the potential of agricultural sequestration to address climate change through affecting atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide, after receiving testimony from Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Cynthia Rosenzweig, Research Scientist, Goddard Institute for Space Studies (Columbia University, New York, New York), National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Bob Stallman, Columbus, Texas, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Rattan Lal, Ohio State University Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, Columbus; Joseph L. Bast, Heartland Institute, Chicago, Illinois; and Debbie A. Reed, National Environmental Trust, Washington, D.C.

U.S. TAX POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine U.S. tax policy and its effects on the domestic and international competitiveness of U.S.-based operations, after receiving testimony from Robert Hall, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; William C. Barrett, Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California; James G. Berges, Emerson, St. Louis, Missouri; Mark Russell, Electrolux North America, Cleveland, Ohio; Alexander Spitzer, Nestle USA, Norwalk, Connecticut; and Kathryn Kobe, Joel Popkin and Company, and Thea M. Lea, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2660–2670; and; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 63; H. Con. Res. 240–241, and H. Res. 308, 313 were introduced. **Pages H6347–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6348–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2122, to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security, amended (H. Rept. 108–147, Pt. 3);

H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–188);

H. Res. 309, providing for consideration of H.R. 438, to increase the amount of student loans that may be forgiven for teachers in mathematics, science, and special education (H. Rept. 108–189);

H. Res. 310, providing for consideration of H.R. 2211, to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 108–190);

H. Res. 311, providing for consideration of H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108–191); and

H. Res. 312, providing for consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 108–192). **Page H6347**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gilchrest to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6273**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6276**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004: The House passed H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 335. **Pages H6276–6302, H6318–20**

Agreed To:

Lewis of California amendment that decreases Navy Operation and Maintenance funding by \$96 million to reduce excess funded carryover and appropriates \$5 million to the Army National Guard for

the nationwide dedicated fiber optic network program, \$14 million to the Marine Corps for the AN/PRC–148 tactical handheld radio and combat casualty care equipment, \$5 million to Air Force Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for low emission/efficient hybrid aviation refueling truck propulsion, and \$5 million to Defense Wide Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for the development of novel pharmaceuticals for anthrax. **Page H6298**

Rejected:

Hostettler amendment that sought to prohibit funding related to the 2005 round of base closures and realignments under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (rejected by recorded vote of 57 yeas to 358 nays, Roll No. 334). **Pages H6302–03, H6318–19**

Withdrawn:

Blumenauer amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the unexploded ordinance cleanup program; **Pages H6298–99**

De Fazio amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams; **Pages H6299–6300**

Acevedo-Vila amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike section 8125 relating to the closure of Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; and **Pages H6300–01**

Bordallo amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to overhaul, repair, or maintain naval vessels in shipyards outside the United States or Guam; and **Pages H6301–02**

Inslee amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to alter the existing civilian personnel system. **Page H6302**

The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of the House of June 26. **Page H6318**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Prescription Drug Benefits for Retirees Under the FEHB: H.R. 2631, to provide that the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered to Medicare eligible enrollees by a plan under the Federal employees health benefits program shall be at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered by such plan to its enrollees generally; **Pages H6303–09**

Garner E. Shriver Post Office, Wichita, Kansas: H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the “Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building” (agreed to by yeay-and-nay vote of 415 ayes with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 336); and **Pages H6309–10, H6320**

Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office, Duarte, California: H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California, as the “Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office”.

Pages H6310–12

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m. **Page H6312**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. **Page H6312**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6273.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6349–50.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeay-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6318–19, H6319–20, and H6320. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee action the Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

LOW-INCOME FAMILIES—PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on “LIHEAP & CSGB: Providing Assistance to Low-Income Families.” Testimony was heard from Leslie Lee, LIHEAP Director, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

CLEAN SKIES INITIATIVE—MULTIPOLLUTANT APPROACH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “The Clear Skies Initiative: A Multipollutant Approach to the Clean Air Act.” Testimony was heard from Jef-

frey Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA.

RURAL HOUSING IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings entitled “Rural Housing in America.” Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

FEDERAL ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Federal Electronic Records Management: What is the Plan? What is our Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: John W. Carlin, Archivist; and L. Reynolds Cahoon, Chief Information Officer; Harriet Riofrio, eRecords Management Policy and Program Lead, Department of Defense; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003 or Laci and Conner’s Law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REDUCTION IN DISTRIBUTION OF SPAM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2214, Reduction in Distribution of Spam Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Will Moschella, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice; Jerry Kilgore, Attorney General, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, providing one hour of debate in the House on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kingston, Manzullo, Moran of Virginia, and Holt.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 2, an open rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. The rule provides that general debate shall be confined to the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula and Obey.

READY TO TEACH ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act of 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Gingrey and Kildee.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote a modified closed rule on H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and

Retention Act of 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Wilson of South Carolina, Tierney, DeLauro, and Becerra.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D763)

H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission. Signed on July 3, 2003. (Public Law 108-44)

S. 1276, to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions. Signed on July 3, 2003. (Public Law 108-45)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JULY 9, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Interior, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 11 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine lessons learned during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to receive testimony on ongoing operations in the United States Central Command region; followed by a closed session in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James O. Browning, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. Res. 173, to amend Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate with respect to new or general legislation and unauthorized appropriations in general appropriations bills and amendments thereto, and new or general legislation, unauthorized appropriations, new matter, or nongermane matter in conference reports on appropriations Acts, and unauthorized appropriations in amendments between the Houses relating to such Acts, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on A Closer Look, The Inspectors General Address Waste, Fraud, Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005; H. Con. Res. 215, honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economics; and H. Res. 296, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and

many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, joint hearing entitled "Legislative Efforts to Combat Spam, following full Committee mark up, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Making Health Care More Affordable: Extending Premium Conversion to Federal Retirees," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Disrupting the Market: Strategy, Implementation, and Results in Narcotics Source Nations," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on "International Child Abduction: The Rights of American Citizens Being Held in Saudi Arabia," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on H.R. 2205, National Museum of African American History and Culture Act, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on A Survey and Analysis of Supporting Human Rights and Democracy: The U.S. Record 2002-2003, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H. Res. 287, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States; a measure implementing the U.S. Chile Free Trade Agreement; a measure implementing the U.S. Singapore Free Trade Agreement; H.R. 1707, Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003; H.R. 2330, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003; H.R. 2086, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1375, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; H.R. 1616, Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site Land Exchange Act; H.R. 1651, Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003; H.R. 1658, Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003; H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; H.R. 2059, Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act; S. 233, Coltsville Study Act of 2003; and

S. 278, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act, 10 a.m., and to hold an oversight hearing on “Can a process be developed to settle matters relating to the Indian Trust Fund lawsuit?” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on H.R. 2183, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Saving Our Defense Industrial Base, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on GSA’s

2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review the pre- and post-deployment health assessment processing of troops recently deployed to the Persian Gulf, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine technology and innovation in relation to health care costs, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to protect patients' access to quality and affordable health care by reducing the effects of excessive liability costs, and at 11:30 a.m. proceed to a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; following which, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; and pursuant to today's order, confirm the nominations of Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; further, Senate will then proceed to consideration of S. 925, State Department Authorization Bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 9

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2003 (modified closed rule, one hour of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act of 2003 (structured rule, one hour of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2660, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2004 (rule only); and

Consideration of H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2004 (closed rule, one hour of general debate).

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